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## AS CAT'S PAW

Rebel Chief Says Powers Want Uncle Sam to Help Them.

Use United States as "Collection Agency" Against Huerta.

## GERMANY NOT IN PROTEST

Denies Making Demands in Joint Note to United States.

Ambassador Wilson May Not Be Sent Back to Mexico.

Tucson, July 17.—"We pray you not to permit the nations of Europe to make of the United States a collection agency to collect moneys that they have advanced or have agreed to advance for the support of the murderous Huerta government."

This petition was wired to President Wilson by Ignacio Pesquera, the constitutionalist governor of Sonora.

Man advisers from Los Angeles, Sonora, say the commander of the American gunboat Banano frightened a rebel force which had announced its intention of attacking Americans by threatening to land blue jackets. The Americans as a protective measure had gathered rifles and ammunition which the rebel leaders wanted. The same mail reported that the Americans at Matamoros and Topolobampo, were entirely dependent on the American warships for food and water.

**Germany Makes No Demands.**

Berlin, July 17.—The foreign office denied today that Germany has demanded that the United States government protect foreign interests in Mexico. Germany has not taken any diplomatic action whatever at Washington. The foreign office is not aware whether Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador at the United States has discussed the Mexican situation with Secretary Bryan, but it has the discussion was of a wholly unofficial character.

**What Powers Made Demand.**

Washington, July 17.—Just what foreign power had acquired a definition of this government's attitude in the present situation was still unknown officially today although reports in official circles mentioned Great Britain and France, the denial from Berlin that France was interested. Both the White House and state department continued to observe strict silence on the subject, the president and Secretary Bryan apparently waiting a first hand report from Ambassador Wilson who is expected here about July 23.

**Powers Confer at Paris Meeting.**

Mexico City, July 17.—A private message received here says that a meeting was held yesterday in Paris at which representatives of the powers to consider the Mexican situation. The result was not made known.

**French Have Heavy Interest.**

Washington, July 17.—It was pointed out today that the French have heavy interests in Mexico. French interests are said to control the Mexican National bank, the Banco Central, another large financial institution, and French investors are said to have heavy holdings in Mexican railway securities. Great Britain's interests are said to be principally in the National railways and in mining.

Germany's interests are said to lie largely in agriculture and a nationwide hardware business. While American losses are believed to have been greatest in the revolutions, English losses also have been heavy through destruction of railroad property. French losses, it is said, have been largely so-called speculative losses—losses of what would have been profits and not a series of revolutions depressed business. Official sources it is learned that the state department had been informed that the anti-American demonstrations in Mexico City were organized and stimulated because of the lack of recognition for the Huerta government and for the purpose of demonstrating the power of the provisional government to control them.

**Mexicans Expect Recognition.**

Mexico City, July 17.—All newspapers here having been cautioned by government officials to treat the trip of Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson to Washington carefully, and conservatively confine themselves to local stories and speculation that his going means probably early recognition of the Huerta government by the United States. They profess to believe that a successor to Mr. Wilson will be named immediately and that in this way recognition will be achieved. El Pais is the only newspaper displaying bitterness. It confines itself chiefly to attacking Ambassador Wilson and characterizing him as an enemy of the Mexican government. It ridicules the idea of war, saying that Mexicans no longer are afraid. As indicating the brighter prospects, a cabinet official gave out for publication today the statement that Major General Leonard Wood had been ordered to the border personally to see to the maintenance of the neutrality laws.

**Say Bryan Asks Leave of Absence.**

He added that Secretary of State Bryan had asked for six months' leave of absence and would be succeeded by John Bassett Moore, counselor of the department of state, who he said, was a great friend of Mexico and certainly would counsel recognition of the administration. The newspaper sees in the attitude of Europe only an effort to force the United States to recognize the Mexican government. The report is of Germany's threatening attitude is called by the newspaper an absurd lie, since the German emperor's friendship for Mexico they point out is well known.

Washington, July 17.—Commenting upon the announcement that Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson had been summoned from Mexico City to confer with



General Huerta, Acting as President of Mexico.

## VESSELS CRASH. TREASURY THEFT

Steamers Come Together in Dense Fog on Lake. Ten Thousand Dollars Shipped to Mint Reported Gone.

Passengers Thrown in Panic—Boat Goes Down. Treasury and Express Company Men Deny Knowledge.

Chicago, July 17.—The steamers Sheboygan and Iowa of the Goodrich Line of Lake steamers collided in a fog at the mouth of the harbor here today. The Sheboygan was but little damaged but the Iowa, with a hole thirty feet in diameter in her bow, sank after being assisted by tugs to her wharf in the river. No one was killed or injured. The financial loss on the Iowa and her cargo is said to be heavy. Both ships were heavily laden with freight. The Iowa had made dock and was maneuvering in the mouth of the river to come about and return to the Rush street dock. As it swung broadside, the Sheboygan loomed up out of the fog. There was a warning scream from the Sheboygan's siren, but before the crew of the Iowa had fairly sighted her dock the oncoming craft struck the starboard bow of the Iowa about twenty feet forward of the pilot house.

The Iowa careened and righted herself; the battered nose of the Sheboygan swung clear and the hole in the side of the Iowa was disclosed. The water rushed in and the vessel began to sink by the head. From the state rooms of the Sheboygan rushed the alarmed passengers who crowded the rail. The fog increased the fear until it bordered on panic. Captain and crew went among the passengers and attempted to quiet them. A number of them made rushes for the life boats but were restrained.

River tugs threw lines over the Iowa and under full steam started for a dock in North Water street. Captain Garland and his life saving crew from the station at the mouth of the river came alongside in a motor life boat.

The Iowa kept settling and it was feared that any moment she might dive for the bottom. She was swaying when the tugs warped her into the dock. Emergency freight handlers rushed on board to remove as much of the cargo as possible. The pumps were powerless against the water which was rushing in. Finally the lookout cried a warning and freight hands and members of the crew leaped for the wharf. Within a minute the Iowa broke her moorings and sank. Some of the cargo had been taken off but most went down with the boat.

W. Thorpe, vice president and general manager of the Goodrich company said that the loss would be heavy.

The Iowa was built in 1896 for the Goodrich Transit company, is 202 feet long and has a gross tonnage of 1,157. The Sheboygan is 208 feet in length but of lighter tonnage.

The Sheboygan's assistance not being required, she docked and discharged her passenger. The passengers of the Iowa landed before the accident which occurred when she was on her way to another wharf to discharge freight.

## BEQUEATHED \$20,000.

State Agricultural College Is Remembered by Wealthy Woman.

New York, July 17.—The Kansas State Agricultural college at Manhattan, Kan., is bequeathed \$20,000, according to the will of Melville Coppenhagen Wilson, widow of Davies Wilson of Cambridge, Mass.

Mrs. Wilson died May 29, 1911. An appraisal of her estate was filed Wednesday, showing she left a total personal estate valued at \$255,766.

Mrs. Wilson left her estate to 81 beneficiaries, the amount was divided from \$50 to the \$20,000 she willed to the Kansas college. Her nearest relative was a third cousin.

## TO PRISON ALONE.

Convicted Man Travels Without Officer's Escort.

Philadelphia, July 17.—The superintendent of the United States mint here and officials of the railroads and express companies today denied any knowledge of the reported disappearance of \$10,000 in gold which was said to have been shipped from a Buffalo bank to the mint. It was reported from Sunbury last night that the money had disappeared about a week ago from a railroad train between Harrisburg and Williamsport.

Little Rock, July 17.—Thomas Tiner, 60 years old, convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment, came to Little Rock from Randolph county unaccompanied yesterday to begin serving his sentence. To spare the aged man the humiliation of leaving his home under guard the Randolph county authorities appointed Tiner his own custodian on the journey to prison.

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Fair tonight and Friday; cooler to night.

The increase in the Kansas tax over last year will amount to \$24,000, says

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## SANTA FE'S TAXES ALL ARE INVITED

Immense Increase in Railway's Toll for Year.

Road Pays Out \$12,330 a Day, \$8.50 a Minute.

## CARTLIDGE'S MANY FIGURES

Tax Commissioner Tells Enormous Expense Tale.

In Kansas Alone Taxes Are \$100,000 a Month.

Santa Fe's Tax Toll.

- For the year, \$1,500,000.
- For a month, \$375,000.
- For a day, \$12,330.
- For an hour, \$515.00.
- For a minute, \$8.50.
- For a second, \$79.

Kansas Taxes.

- For the year, \$1,221,419.
- For a month, \$101,785.
- For a day, \$3,393.
- For an hour, \$141.78.
- For a minute, \$23.63.
- For a second, \$2.36.

Topeka Taxes.

- Assessed valuation, \$3,958,730.
- City taxes, \$21,441.
- School taxes, \$18,276.
- County on railroad property, \$65,263.
- County assessment, \$4,869,200.

According to estimates made today by E. T. Cartledge, general tax commissioner of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway, the taxes for that 11,000 miles of railroad property in the year 1913 will amount to more than \$4,500,000 or an increase of nearly 70 per cent in the last six years. In other words the latest figures on this railway's tax toll bring the cost to \$375,000 a month, \$12,330 a day, \$515 an hour and \$8.50 a minute. In every second of the year, day and night, the Santa Fe treasury is distributing 70 cents in taxes to the various states from Chicago to the Pacific coast and from Topeka to the Gulf of Mexico.

In Topeka alone the taxes for last year amounted to \$21,441 city and \$18,276 school or a total of nearly \$40,000. The road was assessed on \$3,958,730 valuation. In Shawnee county the Santa Fe paid \$5,253 for railroad property alone, not including the thousands for special improvements such as sewer, paving, sidewalks and on local holdings here.

In Kansas for the last year the Santa Fe has a total tax of \$1,221,419 or \$100,000 a month. Reduced it brings the levy down to \$3,000 a day and \$125 an hour.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway has a mileage of 2,659 main line and branch and sidetrack in Kansas, according to Mr. Cartledge's figures. This track averages a tax of \$445 a mile. The average assessment is \$50,176 a mile. The main line figures \$67,731 a mile and the line between Topeka and Kansas City—the most valuable in the state—\$110,156 a mile. The average of \$50,176 a mile in the state includes all of the smaller branches in the total 2,659 mileage.

The tax per mile in Kansas varies greatly. The main line from Atchison to the state line in the west averages \$643. From Newton to the Oklahoma line it is \$622. From Topeka to Kansas City \$1,106.

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## ONE OF THE GREATEST BARGAIN EVENTS IN TOPEKA HISTORY.

Will Be Staged by the Merchants July 19.

## TO LAST AN ENTIRE WEEK

Practically Every Store in Town Has Part in It.

Opportunity to Save Money That Is Rarely Equaled.

One of the greatest bargain events in the history of Topeka mercantile establishments begins Saturday, July 19, when the public is invited to come to the capital city and take advantage of the special offerings made by practically every wide awake institution in the city.

As forerunners of the exceptional opportunities which will be offered during the Merchants' Bargain Week, many firms are using special announcements in this evening's and tomorrow's Topeka State Journal.

The Merchants' Bargain Week commencing next Saturday, July 19, will

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## CHOLERA SPREADING.

Disease in Balkans May Be Carried to United States.

Washington, July 17.—Surgeon General Blue of the public health service is receiving reports of a very malignant epidemic of smallpox in eastern Serbia and of cholera ravaging Bulgarian troops in Macedonia. Inasmuch as thousands of Greeks and Bulgarians will return to the United States at the end of hostilities in the Balkans, the public health service is much concerned.

Cholera, introduced into the Bulgarian lines by Turkish prisoners, is reported to be causing the Bulgarians heavy losses with prospect of a more serious situation should the war be prolonged through the summer.

**Turks Retaking City They Lost.**

Sofia, July 17.—By forced marches the Turkish army is approaching the town of Kirk Killisseh, taken by the Bulgarians after heavy fighting at the beginning of the war. Many of the population are reported to be fleeing.

**Bulgarian Communication Cut.**

Sofia, July 17.—The Bulgarians today took possession of the cable station at Varna on the Black sea, and thus control communication with Constantinople. The railway between the coast and Sofia also has been cut so Bulgaria cannot communicate with the outside world except through Serbia and Rumania.

**Bulgarians Repulse Invaders.**

Sofia, July 17.—An official dispatch reports the defeat by the Bulgarians of the Serbian forces which had penetrated Bulgarian territory on the western frontier. The Bulgarians attacked yesterday and put the Serbians to flight. The Serbians are retreating in the direction of Vlasina, across the border. Another dispatch says severe losses have been inflicted on the Greek army operating on the Bulgarian left flank. King Ferdinand today personally telegraphed to King Charles of Roumania, that Bulgaria was ready to negotiate terms of settlement with Roumania. The efforts of A. Malinoff, the democrat leader and former premier, to form a cabinet to take the place of that under Premier Danef has thus far proved futile.

## "CLOUDS TIMID"

Weather Bureau Explains Present Hot Drouth.

Prediction of Cooler Weather Not Fulfilled.

## MERCURIAL AERONAUTICS

Thermometer Liquid Takes Rapid Flight Skyward.

Hot Pace of Yesterday Is Generally Maintained.

Kansas City, July 17.—Although the local United States weather observer said conditions in Kansas and Western Missouri indicated the maximum temperature today would be about a degree lower than yesterday, the mercury at many points in the two states climbed rapidly during the forenoon and by 9 o'clock had equaled or passed the record of the same hour yesterday. Timid clouds, the forecaster said, were gathering in parts of Kansas, but the possibility of rain was remote. Seven o'clock temperatures over Kansas and Missouri were from 2 to 8 degrees lower than those of yesterday, but ascended rapidly from that hour. The thermometer here at 11 a. m. read 94, the same as yesterday. At St. Joe at 10 o'clock the reading was 91, a degree higher than yesterday. At 9 o'clock temperature at Topeka, Kan., was a degree higher than yesterday. The extreme heat in Kansas and Missouri began Monday. Tuesday the hundred mark was passed throughout those states and the maximum of the season, 113, reached at Clay Center, Kan.

**Cooler at Wichita.**

Wichita, Kan., July 17.—A cooler breeze today supplanted the hot wind of yesterday and the temperature at 11 o'clock was only 92 degrees, against 98 the same hour yesterday.

**St. Joe's Hottest Day Yet.**

St. Joe, Ind., July 17.—The temperature was 92 at 10 o'clock today, one degree higher than the same hour yesterday. Yesterday was the hottest day of the season. Indications were for cooler later in the day.

**Not So Hot at Hutchinson.**

Hutchinson, July 17.—The temperature was 88 this morning, two degrees cooler than the same time yesterday.

**Lower Temperatures in North.**

Chicago, July 17.—A drop in temperature from 10 to 22 degrees at various points today brought relief from the heat wave which had held the middle west in its grip forty-eight hours.

Reports of lower temperatures came from Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Illinois. Davenport and Des Moines, with temperature registering yesterday at 102 and 100 respectively, today reported a drop of 24 degrees.

**Cool Breezes at Joplin.**

Joplin, July 17.—Cool breezes today brought relief from the sweltering heat which yesterday sent the temperature at 102 degrees.

Another dispatch says severe losses have been inflicted on the Greek army operating on the Bulgarian left flank. King Ferdinand today personally telegraphed to King Charles of Roumania, that Bulgaria was ready to negotiate terms of settlement with Roumania. The efforts of A. Malinoff, the democrat leader and former premier, to form a cabinet to take the place of that under Premier Danef has thus far proved futile.

**Four Deaths in Omaha.**

Omaha, July 17.—While the weather bureau reported the temperature somewhat lower than yesterday, four deaths directly attributable to the heat were reported before noon. Robert Cole, a porter and Charles Fouse, a brewer driver, died at St. Joseph hospital and Paul Dorsh and John C. Furstner died at their homes. About a dozen prostrations were reported, among them being Mrs. W. S. Foye, for whose recovery the medical attendants offer no hope.

**Lower Temperature in Iowa.**

Des Moines, July 17.—Lower temperatures were the rule throughout Iowa early today but with prospects that they would go higher during the late afternoon.

**GAS DECISION HERE.**

Not Yet, But When It Does Come, Be Announced Here First.

Salt Lake City, July 17.—Judge Marshall of the United States district court of Utah is known today that his decision in the case of the Kansas Natural Gas company would be announced when filed with the clerk of the United States district court of Kansas, the original court of jurisdiction. The company seeks to have set aside an order of the Kansas utilities commission directing the state and federal receivers to enlarge the company's gas supply.

Judge Marshall did not indicate when he would forward his decision.

## YEGGS GET \$30,000.

Nitro-Glycerin Opens Three Safes Near Police Station.

New York, July 17.—Cracksmen secured a skeleton key between \$20,000 and \$30,000 early today by blowing a safe in the establishment of Rosedale & Daniels, a wholesale jewelry supply house. The place is on Grand street, only a few blocks from police headquarters.

The thieves gained entrance to the place with a skeleton key known to them. They worked at their leisure. Three safes in all were shattered, but a big vault containing gold and loose diamonds defied them. They left behind enough burglar tools to fill a small wagon.

**Boat Explosion Kills Two.**

New York, July 17.—The third engineer and pumpman on the British freight steamer Fair Mead, were killed today by an explosion in the boiler room of the vessel which was taking on a cargo of oil off Constable Hook, N. J.

## HOTTEST JULY 16

Heat Record of 26 Years Was Broken Wednesday.

Also the Hottest Day of the Year at Topeka.

## RIVER HAS RISEN 2 OF A FOOT

Although There Have Been No Rains in Kansas.

Sixteen Consecutive Days Without Even a Shower.

Kansas is still in the grip of the heat wave that is causing the people to hunt the shady spots and the vegetation to take on a hue of brown. Wednesday was one of the hottest days ever experienced in the state. It was the hottest day of the year at Topeka by a fraction of a degree, 104.2 degrees, and it broke the heat record for July 16 in the last 26 years.

The prediction that Wednesday night would be cooler came true in western Kansas, but at Topeka the minimum temperature was but one degree lower than that of the previous night. There was a good breeze blowing from the southwest and consequently Topekan did not swelter as would have been the case had there been a calm.

At 9 o'clock this morning the mercury was 88 degrees as against 87 Wednesday at the same hour. The wind was blowing at the rate of 12 miles an hour from the southwest.

The heat record for Concordia was broken Wednesday when the mercury reached the 110 degree mark. The temperatures at Kansas government stations ranged from 102 degrees at Dodge City and Iola to 110 degrees at Concordia and Hanover.

"Sunny" Flora, the local weather observer, looks upon things from a philosophical standpoint. He said today: "There is a beautiful condition at present. We are feeling better than we did last spring and winter if we would only admit it. There are no contagious diseases, and the heat prostrations in the state have been few."

The river has risen two-tenths of a foot in the last 48 hours. There have been no rains in Kansas to cause a rise, and the local weather bureau was unable to explain the condition.

There have now been 16 consecutive days at Topeka without rain. If the drouth continues for three more days the record for continuous dry weather in the month of July will be broken.

Reports from over the state show that particularly in certain sections the corn is suffering from want of moisture and the effects of the intense rays of the sun. The southeastern part of Kansas is in better condition than any other portion of the state on account of heavy rains the fore part of this month.

The forecasts for generally fair weather still offers some relief from the heat for the people living in the northeastern part of the state.

Maximum temperatures for the government weather stations in Kansas for Wednesday follow:

Concordia.....	110	degrees.
Dodge City.....	102	degrees.
Dresden.....	102	degrees.
Emporia.....	106	degrees.
Fort Scott.....	104	degrees.
Hanover.....	110	degrees.
Hays.....	108	degrees.
Iolton.....	106	degrees.
Iola.....	102	degrees.
McPherson.....	108	degrees.
Macksville.....	104	degrees.
Manhattan.....	104	degrees.
Sedan.....	104	degrees.
TOPEKA.....	104.2	degrees.

The mercury touched the 100 degree mark at 1:30 o'clock today, but a slight drop followed, the thermometer reading at two o'clock being 98 degrees. The maximum temperature for the day probably will be between 101 and 102 degrees. At two o'clock this afternoon the thermometer at the transfer station registered 105 degrees.

The wind was blowing at the rate of twenty miles an hour from the south at two o'clock. At that time the local weather observer stated that there would be a tendency towards a moderation in the weather tonight. He thought it likely that the mercury would fail to reach the century mark on Friday. In Montana the minimum temperature for Wednesday night was 42 degrees.

The hourly readings:

7 o'clock.....	94	degrees.
8 o'clock.....	92	degrees.
9 o'clock.....	88	degrees.
10 o'clock.....	91	degrees.
11 o'clock.....	92	degrees.

## ABILENE FARMERS ALARMED.

Corn Is Threatened by Drouth—Cattle Suffer.

Abilene, Kan., July 17.—The dry weather is making the farmers here anxious about filling their silos. The supply of green stuff is going to be short unless there is rain soon. Pastures are very dry and many farmers are feeding their stock in yards. Corn is reaching a critical point and unless there is abundant rain very soon it will be a short crop. It has stood the drouth well thus far, but needs rain.

## TODAY'S GAMES.

Western.	National.	American.
No games scheduled.	Chicago at Boston, clear.	Philadelphia at Chicago, clear.
	Pittsburg at Brooklyn, clear.	Washington at St. Louis, clear.
	St. Louis at New York, clear.	New York at Cleveland, cloudy.
	Cincinnati at Philadelphia, clear.	Boston at Detroit, postponed; wet grounds.
		Association.
		Columbus at Milwaukee, clear.
		Toledo at St. Paul, cloudy.
		Indianapolis at Minneapolis, cloudy.
		Louisville at Kansas City, clear.